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July 25, 2008

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314  
and Telecommunications Act § 254(e)  
Federal Communication Commission CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

FTC Communications, Inc. (dba FTC Wireless) hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that the FTC Communications, Inc. is in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached is a company specific affidavit attesting to the fact that Federal Universal Service Funds will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC's rules require that, in order for carriers to receive the federal support for which they are eligible, state commissions must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating "that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers [rural incumbent local exchange carriers and competitive carriers classified as eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in an area of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier] will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. These certifications must be submitted by the state commission prior to October 1 of each year in order for the companies to receive the full federal funding for which they are eligible. Id.

FTC Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that it is in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act.

FTC Communications, Inc. has separately filed with this Commission its "Annual Report of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers" for year ending December 31, 2007 in compliance with SC Regulation 103-690.1(B) (as modified by PSC Order No. 2007-657 and awaiting legislative adoption) and its ETC certification order (PSC Order No. 2007-805).

Given the existing checks and balances, along with the fact that the certification is prospective in nature (i.e., the certification filed in October is for the following calendar year), FTC Communications, Inc. believes this self-certification is appropriate, and that the Commission may rely on such certification.

The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that competitive ETCs under its jurisdiction and operating in the service area of rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. The timing is critical, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2008, federal support for universal service in the areas served will not be provided for at least the first quarter of 2009. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). FTC Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that the company is in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2008, notifying them that FTC Communications, Inc. is eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.314.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter or if we can provide anything further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald K. Nesmith".

Ronald K. Nesmith  
External Affairs & Chief Regulatory Officer

cc: C. Dukes Scott, Esquire

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG

COMPANY: FTC COMMUNICATIONS INC. (dba FTC WIRELESS)

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 249002

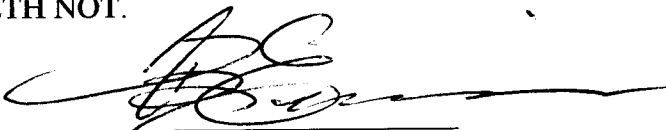
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is F. Bradley Erwin. I am employed by Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc, the parent company of FTC Communications, Inc. (the "Company"), as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

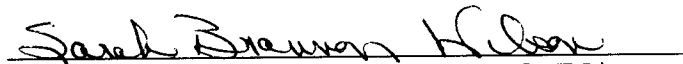
2. FTC Communications, Inc. (dba FTC Wireless) hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2009 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

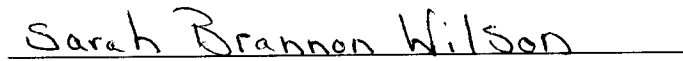


F. Bradley Erwin  
Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2008.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: March 26, 2017